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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.